

# **Assistive Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) Charter**

**The California Assistive Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) is tasked by the federal Assistive Technology Act of 2004 (Tech Act) to:**

- A. Provide consumer-responsive and consumer-driven advice to the State for the planning of, implementation of, and evaluation of the comprehensive statewide program of technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities funded by the Tech Act.
- B. Ensure the statewide program of technology-related assistance is equally available to all individuals with disabilities residing in the state, regardless of their type of disability, age, income level, or location of residence in the state, or the type of assistive technology device or assistive technology service required.

In addition, the ATAC may engage in capacity building and advocacy activities that:

- A. Result in laws, regulations, policies, practices, procedures, or organizational structures that promote consumer-responsive programs for persons with disabilities.
- B. Facilitate and increase access to, provision of, and funding for, assistive technology devices and assistive technology services, in order to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve greater independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion within the community and workforce. (Sec. 3 Definitions, (6) Capacity Building and Advocacy Activities (A) and (B), Tech Act of 2004).

**Furthermore, the ATAC will:**

- A. Identify means to improve coordination and collaboration among statewide programs to ensure seamless provision of AT services;
- B. Advise on increased communication opportunities between the statewide Tech Act program and the workforce investment systems, Department of Rehabilitation, Department of Education, public and private employers;
- C. Advise on increasing dissemination of information to targeted individuals and entities;
- D. Advise on increased access to technical assistance related to AT benefits and funding sources;
- E. Assist in the dissemination of training materials to increase the general awareness of the benefits of AT and funding sources throughout California;
- F. Promote conducting of Ability Tools (AT) training to increase the availability of trained personnel within DOR, Education, and Community Based Organizations; and
- G. Advise on identification of assistive technology loan and device reutilization programs.